

SOBRIETY REIGNS; JAIL UNINHABITED

Stringent Measures of Court
Have Brought About Respect
for Law.

LITTLE INTEREST IN POLITICS

Monument to Veterans Will Be
Erected in Essex
County.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LAWRENCE, Va., July 21.—In spite of dry weather and dusty roads, a larger crowd than usual at this period of the year was present during the first day of the term of Lancaster Circuit Court, Judge T. R. B. Wright presiding. A special grand jury was impaneled and found only one indictment, that being for felony against a colored boy, named Ollie, charged with burglary and grand larceny of \$15 in money extracted from a trunk. Ollie is lively. The grand jury reported that they had found no violation of revenue laws, and that sobriety and temperance seemed to be reigning throughout the county, presenting a striking contrast to the recent period of speakeasies, disorder and lawlessness. The county seemed to be holding high carnival. The action of Judge Wright in adding sixty days' imprisonment in jail to the fine for conviction to criticize the liquor law, and the announcement that he would pursue this course of action in all such cases in the future is credited with bringing about this remarkable reformation in the conduct of those who have heretofore set the local option laws at defiance. The Lancaster jail is now without an occupant.

Interest Is All Local.
Both John Curlett and R. Carter Wellford, rival candidates for the Democratic nomination for the House of Delegates from the counties of Richmond and Lancaster, were present and in the afternoon Mr. Curlett spoke to a crowd that filled the courtroom and gave him a respectful hearing. In the afternoon Mr. Curlett spoke to a crowd that filled the courtroom and gave him a respectful hearing. In the afternoon Mr. Curlett spoke to a crowd that filled the courtroom and gave him a respectful hearing.

Among the lawyers present from a distance were State Attorneys J. H. W. Smith, A. A. Rice and Clarence Towles, from Northumberland, and Joseph Chinn, Jr., from Richmond. The afternoon session was devoted to the trial of Prince William, who is spending some time at the Irvington Beach Hotel, was also a visitor here during the trial. He was warmly greeted by his old friends and admirers in this section.

Republicans Meet.
The Republicans held a meeting here yesterday and appointed the following delegates to represent Lancaster in the State convention to be held at Staunton, Va., on July 23: J. H. W. Smith, A. A. Rice and Clarence Towles, from Northumberland, and Joseph Chinn, Jr., from Richmond. The afternoon session was devoted to the trial of Prince William, who is spending some time at the Irvington Beach Hotel, was also a visitor here during the trial. He was warmly greeted by his old friends and admirers in this section.

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The Essex County Board of Supervisors is making preparations to honor her Confederate soldiers, living and dead, by erecting a superb granite monument to their memory at Tappahannock. The monument is twenty-seven feet high, surmounted by the figure of a Confederate soldier. It is to be erected on a lot of 900 of the dead and living heroes of Essex in bronze. The monument will be unveiled on August 1, 1910, by the Essex County Board of Supervisors. The monument is twenty-seven feet high, surmounted by the figure of a Confederate soldier. It is to be erected on a lot of 900 of the dead and living heroes of Essex in bronze.

Forty-Eighth Anniversary
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WOODSTOCK, Va., July 21.—This, the forty-eighth anniversary of the first battle of Manassas, was fittingly observed here to-day by the survivors of the Thirty-third Virginia Regiment of infantry. This battle was the first in which this regiment took part, and it lost nearly a thousand men. The day was made memorable by the receipt of the battle flag of the regiment from the Stonewall Jackson Camp of Veterans. Captain James Bumgardner, of Staunton, made the presentation speech. The response was made by J. H. W. Smith, of Staunton, an officer of the regiment. A large crowd was in attendance.

NEGRO IN KILLED.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
DANVILLE, Va., July 21.—John Adams, a negro, was struck by a Southern Railway passenger train near Ruffin, N. C., yesterday, and instantly killed. He was a section hand, and it is supposed he went to sleep on the track.

Residence Is Damaged.

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WOODSTOCK, Va., July 21.—Fire to-day destroyed a portion of the residence of Rev. Mr. Hartman, of the Reformed Church here. The cause was a defective fuse. The part destroyed had been built less than a year.

THE CURE FOR SCROFULA

The usual symptoms of Scrofula are enlarged glands of the neck, sores and ulcers on the body, skin affections, catarrhal troubles, weak eyes, and general poor health. The inherited poison, transmitted through the blood, pollutes and weakens this fluid, and in place of its nutritive qualities fills the circulation with scrofulous matter, which saps the vitality of the entire system. Thousands of children, born with a scrofulous taint, have spent their childhood in constant physical suffering and grown to manhood or womanhood, later some disease of the bones or joints developed. S. S. S. given in their early life, would have prevented this. It would have cleansed and purified the blood of the taint, nourished and strengthened their systems, and assisted each to grow into strong, healthy manhood or womanhood. S. S. S. is the very best remedy for Scrofula. It goes down to the bottom of the trouble, and cleanses the circulation of all scrofulous matter. It supplies the weak, diseased blood with strength and health-building qualities, and under the purifying effects of this great remedy all symptoms of Scrofula pass away. S. S. S. contains no minerals, and is absolutely safe treatment for children, even infants, or persons of any age. Literature about Scrofula and any medical advice free. THE SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., ATLANTA, GA.

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RELATIVES DOUBT TRUTH OF STORY TUCKER GAINING STRENGTH DAILY

They Know Nothing of Alleged
Murderer Having Been Located
in Europe.

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DANVILLE, Va., July 21.—A press dispatch from New York states that G. H. Janner, a broker of Montgomery, Ala., has located the slayer of his brother-in-law, John D. Spencer, in Europe, and has sailed to-day for the Canary Islands with the avowed intention of bringing him to justice. The fatal shooting of Mr. Spencer, a prominent tobaccoist of Danville, at Martinsville, on July 11, 1906, attracted widespread attention, and a reward of \$1500 was promptly offered by Governor Montague for the apprehension of the assassin. This reward has been largely increased by the relatives of the dead man, who have been untiring in their efforts to locate the murderer. Mr. Spencer was shot about midnight while stopping at the home of his brother, D. H. Spencer, a Henry county tobaccoist who, with his family, was at the springs. The crime was thought to have been committed by a negro burglar, of whom Mr. Spencer furnished a description before his death. Several suspects were arrested, but all were released.

Mr. Spencer died on September 6, 1906, at the Johns Hopkins Hospital. He was widely known throughout Virginia and North Carolina in the tobacco world, and was a Mason and Knight Templar. Nothing is known here or has been given out about the discovery of the slayer of Mr. Spencer in Europe other than the press dispatch. Relatives and friends here of John D. Spencer take no stock in the reports from New York about Janner having located his slayer in Europe and going there to kill him. They declare that the whole story is preposterous, and cannot account for the publicity given it. The brothers of Mr. Spencer have not been notified of any suspect in the case, and a long time ago practically abandoned hope of ever catching the negro burglar, guilty of the crime.

C. O'CONOR GOOLRICK IS AFTER A JOINT DEBATE

His Opponent Has Not Yet Made Reply
to Challenge—Mann Will Speak at
Fredericksburg July 28.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDERICKSBURG, Va., July 21.—C. O'Conor Goolrick, Democratic candidate for re-nomination for the House of Delegates from the district composed of the city of Fredericksburg and the county of Spotsylvania, has challenged his opponent, C. R. Mann, Coleman of Spotsylvania county, for a joint debate in this city Thursday night, July 23. Mr. Coleman has not yet been heard from.

About 800 people left here to-day on an excursion of the Baptist Sunday School, for Videwater, in Stafford county, on the Potomac River, a distance of eighteen miles, where the day was pleasantly spent in shady groves, bathing, sailing and picnicking in all its pleasures.

Judge William Hodges Mann, candidate for the Democratic nomination for the governorship, will address the voters of this city in the courthouse Wednesday night, July 23, in the interest of his campaign.

Commonwealth's Attorney of Stafford county, has purchased 500 acres of the Lansburgh property at Quantico, including the large waterfront and wharf on the Potomac.

Frederick W. Coleman, attorney for Barker Karpis, the alleged sewing-machine defrauder, has forwarded checks for the full amount to each of the parties who made complaint against him, as he stated he would do in his speech in the trial at Spotsylvania, in defending Marvin. The \$200, amount of forfeited bail bond of Marvin, was paid in the State Treasury.

Murderer Arrested.

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DANVILLE, Va., July 21.—John Alexander, a negro, who on June 10, 1907, shot and killed Ed Brinkley, also colored, as a result of a quarrel over a game of pool, was arrested to-day by O. D. Hurt, this county, has been located at High Point, N. C., and was to-day arrested and taken to the county jail to await trial. He claims self-defense.

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Granted a Divorce.

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DANVILLE, Va., July 21.—Nineteen-year-old Hattie S. Woodall was to-day granted a divorce from William R. Woodall, who is a fugitive from justice from Halifax county, where he attempted to burn the jail, while under confinement. The wedding took place in Halifax county several years ago, and the divorce was granted for desertion.

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MERCHANTS WORK FOR LEGISLATION

Retailers Propose Laws for the
General Betterment of Their
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UNITED THEY CAN CONTROL

President Umstadter Makes Plea
for Thorough Organization
of State.

Times-Dispatch, Bureau,
209 N. Sycamore Street,
Petersburg, Va., July 21.

The fifth annual convention of the Retail Merchants' Association of Virginia met at 11 o'clock to-day in the hall of the Chamber of Commerce, with President M. Umstadter, of Norfolk, in the chair, and W. A. Clarke, Jr., of Richmond, as secretary. About seventy-five delegates, coming from the different local associations throughout the State, were present. The convention is a body of highly intelligent, progressive business men whose work to-day showed earnestness and interest in the upbuilding of the manufacturing and commercial welfare of the State.

The delegates were welcomed to the city by E. E. Elgenbrun, of Petersburg, who, in a handsome address, in which he spoke of the great importance of the work of the association, and of its value to the community. The response to this address was made by D. B. Ryland, of Lynchburg, who expressed appreciation of Petersburg's hospitality. Mr. Ryland also referred to the important work of the association, saying that it is capable of doing more for the State of Virginia than any other organization, and urged the necessity of organization and of keeping the organization alive and active.

President Umstadter then delivered his annual address, the salient points of which met with decided approval, as shown by the applause it received. President Umstadter in his address stated that at the convention held in Staunton in September last, he said that the association had two objects to work for: first, to secure the commercial interests of Virginia, and second, to secure the organization of associations throughout the State, and then, with that influence behind it, to secure the election of legislators who would favor such enactments as were in the best interests of the State.

In our efforts to accomplish the first of the two results, he said, "we have been quite successful. We had at that time associations in Richmond, Norfolk, Roanoke, Lynchburg, Petersburg, Newport News, Salem, Portsmouth, Emporia, Martinsville, Staunton and East Radford. Since then we have organized local associations in Hampton, Smithfield, Fredericksburg, Culpeper, Danville, South Boston, Charlottesville, Lawrenceville, Farmville and Blackstone. E. E. Andrews was engaged as organizer and all the new associations above mentioned are due to his efforts. The president recommended a continuance of the same plan of organization, under the same arrangements, until every city, town and hamlet in Virginia has its retail merchants' association. North Carolina has seventy associations on its roll and Virginia ought to do as well or better.

"When the State is thoroughly organized," continued the president, "the next step will be to secure the passage of the enactments recommended at the Staunton convention, and such other measures as the body may desire. We ask nothing for the merchants that is not fair and just, both for themselves and the people of Virginia.

"Every merchant at the coming election should make it his duty and business to engage actively in politics, at least this once in his life, to the extent of the election of good men as their representatives to the General Assembly—not men who are the plant servants of the politicians or those who support them, but men who are friendly to the commercial and manufacturing interests of Virginia.

Who Elects the Legislature?
"The machine politicians throughout the State take strong, active interest in the election of legislators who will stand by 'the boys.' And these can make promises to the corporations and can block every effort to control them. They can look out for the 'powers that be,' and they do not care a rap for the building up of the commerce of the State or the growth of her manufacturing interests. Prominent, able lawyers who never accept office for themselves, as they represent large corporate interests of State and national importance, are often the able advocates and earnest workers for candidates who have no direct connection with these great corporations, but who can be relied upon to pay the moral obligations to those who are being oppressed by the machine.

The Merchants Should Control.
The president declared "that the retail merchants and those whose interests are akin can win the election in

any city, town or county if they will really pitch in and earnestly work, and the merchants are the only organized body who could elect representatives without any object in view except the common good with which our interests are so closely allied."

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Invincible Laws.

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Discussing Legislation.

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Afternoon Session.

The convention was called to order at 3 o'clock. The committee on credentials reported on the associations that have complied with the law and paid their capitation tax. These have a total membership of 1,069, and sixteen of them are represented in the convention by fifty-seven delegates. Richmond has a membership of 175; Lynchburg, 118; Roanoke, 225; Petersburg, 40; Norfolk, 105; Portsmouth, 47; Newport News, 165; Hampton, 42; Salem, 42; Smithfield, 33; Farmville, 34; Emporia, 22; Blackstone, 32; Crews, 24; Danville, 23; Culpeper, 15; Fredericksburg, 47; Staunton, 15. Norfolk sent the largest delegation to the convention.

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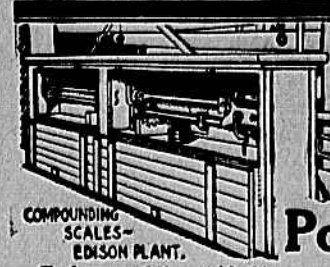
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First: That the legislative committee be instructed to present for enactment at the next session of the Virginia Legislature the following:

No. 1. An act to prevent the giving of worthless checks.
No. 2. An act to retain the title to merchandise sold on memorandum, approval, or C. O. D.
No. 3. An act defining how and where suits defendant.
No. 4. An act defining more clearly the title of goods sold on rental agreement.

Second: For the purposes of the above the sum of \$500, or any part thereof, is hereby appropriated for the use of the legislative committee, and the board of directors shall apportion to each local association such amounts as it may deem suitable and proper, and the amounts so collected shall be disbursed upon the order of the legislative committee.

Third: We recommend to this association the appointment of a committee of three carefully selected members from this organization to consider each of the following items, and to report fully in writing to the next State meeting.

First. A committee of three to consider a revision of the merchants' license law in Virginia, and to recommend to this association something more suitable and equitable than the present tax laws.

Second. A committee of three to consider a change in the homestead exemption laws.

Third. A committee to consider the matter of better express service and proper and definite rate classification.

Fourth. We recommend that care should be used in the appointment of these committees, so that working members only shall be placed thereon, and that each committee be required to report fully at the next meeting in writing.

Fifth. In regard to the proposed act regulating auctioneers and itinerant vendors, we respectfully suggest to this meeting that these are matters which should be dealt with according to the needs of each municipality and not through a State law.

Sixth. This meeting heartily indorses the good work done by State Organizer Andrews, and declares that this work should be prosecuted with greater vigor than others during the coming year.

Seventh. We further commend to your consideration the Merchants' Journal, published in Lynchburg, and heartily indorse the same, and we commend to each local association that they try to put this paper in the hands of every local merchant.

Eighth. Some action should be taken looking to our affiliation with the National Retail Merchants' Association, and to this end we recommend the appointment of a suitable committee for this purpose.

Ninth. In closing, your committee on resolutions wishes to make grateful acknowledgment of the press of Petersburg and Richmond for its full and fair reports, and to the local Retail Merchants' Association, and to the citizens of Petersburg generally for their very kind hospitality extended to this association.

The first four propositions were adopted. The recommendation for the appropriation of \$500 for legislative expenses caused much discussion, but this was adopted also. The recommendation of the committee to refer to specially selected committees for consideration and report the matters of the revision of the merchants' license law, a change in the homestead exemption law, and better express service, caused long discussion and considerable opposition. The committee wanted to go slow and carefully, others wanted the measures to go before the next Legislature. The recommendations were adopted, and the report of the committee was then adopted as a whole.

The convention voted to continue E. E. Andrews at work as organizer. The question of credits and collections was next under discussion, and a resolution was offered and referred to the board of directors to establish a system of interchange of credits.

Election of Officers.

A committee of five, consisting of E. Anthony, of Portsmouth; T. A. Miller, of Richmond; A. B. Myers, of Newport News; W. R. Cunningham, of Lynchburg; and E. M. Fitzgerald, of Salem, was appointed to nominate officers for the ensuing term. Before the committee retired, President Umstadter said he had served the convention since 1907, and asked to be relieved from further service. The committee reported the following officers who were elected:

President, M. Umstadter, Norfolk.

Secretary, W. A. Clarke, Jr., Richmond.

Treasurer, I. H. Kaufman, Richmond.

First Vice-President, D. B. Ripard, Lynchburg.

Directors—A. B. Myers, Newport News; S. Cohen, Richmond; Ralph Levy, Richmond; J. F. B. Jurgens, Richmond; W. R. Cunningham, Lynchburg; E. Elgenbrun, Petersburg; J. A. Morris, Portsmouth.

Vice-Presidents—S. C. Kaufman, Hampton; T. A. Miller, Richmond; E. C. Kent, Petersburg; J. H. Brownly, Norfolk; G. M. Andrews, Martinsville; M. M. Ramsey, Roanoke; W. A. Phelps, Pulaski; C. R. Caldwell, Staunton.

Next Place of Meeting.

Invitations for the meeting of the convention next year were extended from the following places: Salem, Hampton, Lynchburg, and Roanoke. Salem was chosen.

A rising vote of thanks was given to E. L. Quisenberry, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, for his valuable work in behalf of the association. The association then adjourned.